

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/798,359
Confirmation Number	5625
Filing Date	March 12, 2004
First Named Inventor	Yoshikazu TAKAMATSU
Group Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	James M. HEWITT
Matter Number	Q80302
Title	JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES, METHOD OF BRAZING THE JOINT TO DUPLEX PIPE, AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the RCE statutory fee of \$810.00 and all required fees, except
for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS payment screen. Please also credit
any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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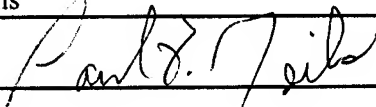
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